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118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To amend title 38, United States Code, to establish the monthly housing stipend under the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program for individuals who pursue summer programs of education solely through distance learning.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. CISCOMANI introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Expanding Access for
5 Online Veteran Students Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. MONTHLY HOUSING STIPEND UNDER THE POST-9/11**
2 **EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR**
3 **INDIVIDUALS WHO PURSUE SUMMER PRO-**
4 **GRAMS OF EDUCATION SOLELY THROUGH**
5 **DISTANCE LEARNING.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3313(c)(1)(B) of title 38,
7 United States Code, is amended—

8 (1) in clause (i), by striking “and (iii)” and in-
9 serting “, (iii), and (iv)”;

10 (2) by redesignating clause (iv) as clause (v);
11 and

12 (3) by inserting after clause (iii) the following
13 new clause (iv):

14 “(iv) In the case of an individual pur-
15 suing, solely through distance learning, a
16 program of education that is shorter than
17 12 weeks during the summer, for each
18 month the individual pursues the program
19 of education, a monthly housing stipend
20 equal to the product of—

21 “(I) the national average of the
22 monthly amount of the basic allow-
23 ance for housing payable under sec-
24 tion 403 of title 37 for a member with
25 dependents in pay grade E–5, multi-
26 plied by

1 “(II) the lesser of—

2 “(aa) 1.0 and

3 “(bb) the number of course
4 hours borne by the individual in
5 pursuit of the program of edu-
6 cation, divided by the minimum
7 number of course hours required
8 for full-time pursuit of the pro-
9 gram of education, rounded to
10 the nearest multiple of 10.”.

11 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
12 subsection (a) shall apply to a program of education begin-
13 ning on or after August 1, 2024.